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SUBJECT: "FORD SIGNS ANTI-INDIA IDA BILL"--INDIAN EXPRESS

1. WE ARE HOPEFUL THERE WAS SOME PASSAGE IN THE BILL SIGNING STATEMENT WHICH, AS STATED BY THE SECRETARY TO KEWAL SINGH ON AUGUST 2, DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT MAKE USE OF THE LONG AMENDMENT SO AS TO PREVENT IDA LOANS TO INDIA.

2. PLEASE CABLE THE TEXT OF THIS STATEMENT. IT IS MOST URGENT THAT I BE ABLE TO ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE. OTHERWISE WE RISK SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDING. WHEN I SAW THE PRIME MINISTER ON AUGUST 1 THIS WAS THE FIRST MATTER SHE RAISED WITH ME. MY ASSURANCES ON THE MATTER WERE AN OBVIOUS SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE RELIEF. THE LONG AMENDMENT RAISED THE NOT UNIMPORTANT PROSPECT OF LOSING A LOT OF MONEY, BUT THE FAR MORE SERIOUS ONE OF HAVING TO REGARD THE UNITED STATES AS HAVING FORMALLY DECLARED ITS HOSTILITY TO INDIA, WITH ALL THIS IMPLIES.

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